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LEVINUS PIETER BAKKER

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For: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS WITH DEBRIS SUPPRESSION,  
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Sir:

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

EP 1 223 468, also cited in the European Search Report, was already cited for consideration by the Examiner on December 23, 2003.

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Respectfully Submitted,

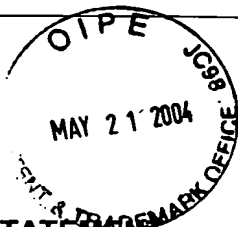
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